

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-44 are pending in the application, with claims 1-15 and 24-32 having been withdrawn. The Office Action of April 19, 2006 closes prosecution under Ex Parte Quayle and allows claims 16-23 and 33-44.

In the Office Action of April 19, 2006, the drawings are objected to under 37 CFR 1.83 (a) and such objection is accompanied by the statement that the drawings must show every feature of the invention specified by the claims. More specifically, the step of selectively applying a pressure from the outer surface of the display panel body to the region where the thermosetting seal material is disposed through the buffer plates without pressing the display regions of the display panel body which overlap the openings formed in the buffer plates in the portions of the buffer plates corresponding to the openings must be shown or the feature cancelled from the claims. According to the Office Action, the drawings show the pressure (through the pressing mechanism) being applied in the portions of the buffer plates 300 corresponding to the openings, while the claimed invention claims such openings without pressing.

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the requirement that the drawings be amended. As detailed hereafter, the drawings clearly support the limitations in the claims without need for amendment. Moreover, and as also detailed hereafter, the claimed feature is shown in Fig. 5 of the drawings in its present form and without need for any amendment.

The Office Action asserts that the drawings show application of a pressure in the portions of the buffer plates corresponding to the openings, while the claimed invention claims the openings without being pressed. However, when a common level of knowledge is applied, it is quite clear that an "opening" formed in the buffer

plate refers to a portion of the buffer plate which is opened, that is, a region of the buffer plate where there are no buffer materials at all. It should therefore be clear in a technical sense that the language "applying a pressure onto a buffer plate having an opening" would refer to applying pressure to the buffer plate and not to the opening thereof.

Accordingly, because the opening formed in the buffer plate is "a region of the buffer plate which is formed by opening (i.e., forming an opening in) the buffer plate" and has therefore no buffer plate member existing in that portion, application of a pressure from the outer surface of the display panel body through the buffer plate having such an opening would not mean "application of a pressure in the portions of the buffer plate corresponding to the opening" as indicated in the Office Action.

Therefore, the claim limitations are clearly shown by the drawings in their present form and without the need for any amendment.

Moreover, applicant respectfully points out that the claimed features in question are clearly shown by Fig. 5 in its present form. Fig. 5 clearly shows application of pressure selectively onto the buffer plate.

Be that as it may, however, and apart from what is shown in Fig. 5, applicant again emphasizes that in accordance with the invention the drawings in their present form support application of a pressure onto the display panel body by the buffer plates having the openings formed therein rather than application of a pressure onto the buffer plate corresponding to or actually meant by "the openings of the buffer plate".

In conclusion, applicant again respectfully submits that the limitations contained in the claims are fully supported by the drawings in their present form

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and without need for amendment thereto. Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance in view thereof are respectfully requested.

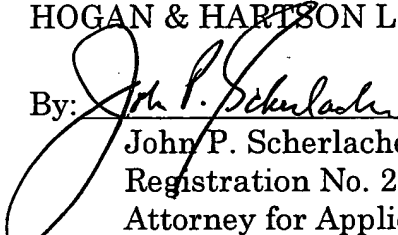
If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at the Los Angeles, California telephone number (213) 337-6846 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance.

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Respectfully submitted,
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